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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 1312

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PARACELS - GERALD KOSH

1. IN REVIEWING THE FLOOD OF MESSAGES CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF GERALD KOSH, A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT HE IS PERHAPS BEING CAUGHT UP IN PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN A YEAR AGO DEALING WITH THE RETURN OF PRISONERS OF WAR. IT WOULD SEEM BEST SERVED TO ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS NOT TO SO REGARD HIM AND CERTAINLY NOT TO SO IDENTIFY HIM BUT RATHER TO IDENTIFY HIM AS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE TEMPORARILY CAUGHT UP IN A MILITARY ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN TWO OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAS NOW BEEN RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL.

2. I HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS "BETWEEN STATE, DOD AND USIA IN WASHINGTON" THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO NOT RETURNING HIM TO SAIGON. DEPENDING ONLY ON HIS ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONDITION WHICH SHOULD OF COURSE BE GOVERNING. I WOULD THINK SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD BE A MISTAKE. IT WOULD TEND TO MAKE CREDIBLE DISTORTIONS WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY APPEAR. IT WILL BE BETTER TO STICK WITH THE ACTUAL FACTS, NAMELY THAT HE WAS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE DAO COMPONENT OF THE EMBASSY IN
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SAIGON, HIS PRESENCE ON THE PARACELS WAS COMPLETELY AN ACCIDENT

OF TIME AND PLACE, AND THAT WE HAVE NOTHING WHATEVER TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

3. IF HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION PERMITS, AND IF HE SO WISHES, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT HE WILL BE RETURNED FROM CLARK FOR DUTY IN SAIGON IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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